

Forest Land-Palghar.

Re-diversion of 4.90 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction of Hydro Power Plant in existing Hindrudhaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Middle Vaitarna Dam in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD- 2023/C.R.131/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 21.07.2025**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-414025(79)/31/2023-24, dt.05.04.2023.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2023/C.R.131/F-10, dt.25.05.2023.
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No.FP/MH/SRY/414025/2023, dt. 09.10.2024.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-414025/Thane/2616/2023-24, dt.21.02.2025.
- 5) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 2023/C.R.131/F-10, dt.04.03.2025.
- 6) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No. FP/MH/SRY/414025/2023, dt. 07.04.2025.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA/S2/PID-414025/Thane/2023-24/436, dt.27.05.2025.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for re-diversion of 4.90 ha. forest land under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction of Hydro Power Plant with an installed capacity of 20.0 MW in Gut No.224, 225 of Village Kochale, Taluka Mokhade, Dist. Palghar by using water stored in Existing Hindrudhaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Middle Vaitarna Dam in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 4.90 ha. forest Land for the above project under section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.5 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi, vide under reference no. 6 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 4.90 ha of forest land in favour of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai for construction of Hydro Power Plant in existing Hindrudhaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Middle Vaitarna Dam in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.7 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 4.90 ha. consisting Reserved forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be rediverted to the User Agency, i.e. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai for construction of Hydro Power Plant in existing Hindrudhaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Middle Vaitarna Dam in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 09.10.2024 and dated 07.04.2025 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Jawhar should ensure that fulfillment of condition No.1.3 mentioned in the letter dated 07.04.2025 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi before actual handing over of the forest land to the user agency.

2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar shall, ensure that the User Agency has settled the rights of the project affected Eksali Plot Holders and FRA Right Holders and that no claims are pending at present, before actual handing over of the forest land to the user agency.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar shall submit documents regarding User Agency has settled the rights of the project affected Eksali Plot Holders and FRA Right Holders, under the supervision of the District Collector.
4. User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the ‘in-principle’ and ‘final approval’ letters of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
5. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India (FC Division), New Delhi letters dated 09.10.2024 and dated 07.04.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evm Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evm Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
6. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evm Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Schedule

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Name of Village	Taluka	District	Gut No.	L. X W. (in M.)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status			
1	Construction work (Power House, Tunnel, Switch Yard, Store room, Hybrid Switch Yard, Office road etc)	Mokhade	Kochale	Palghar	224 (S.No. 76)	Uneven Polygon	3.46	Reserved Forest			
					225 (S.No. 77)		0.10				
2	Dumping Area				224 (S.No. 76)		0.78				
					225 (S.No. 77)		0.56				
Total Forest Area required for Re-diversion							4.90				

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference no. 202507211716136919. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur.
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur.
8. Collector, Palghar.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Palghar.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar.
12. The Executive Engineer (WSP), Middle Vaitarna Dam-II, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai.
13. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Palghar, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Palghar and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. The Executive Engineer (WSP), Middle Vaitarna Dam-II, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai, is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe

guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.